

LATTA SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes
April 12, 2011

The Latta School Board of Trustees met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Latta High School Library. Notices of the meeting were duly exercised and published per school board policy.

Trustees present were: Kyle Berry, Edward Bethea, Linda James, Betty Jo Johnson, and Kenneth Kitts. Eddie Watson was absent

Chair Betty Jo Johnson called the meeting to order and Dr. Kirby opened the meeting in prayer. Chair Johnson welcomed all present.

There being no additions or corrections to the March 8, 2011 minutes, Chair Johnson ruled that they stand approved.

The district entered into a lease agreement with the Latta Schools Education Foundation, Inc. for the teacherage property.

Dr. Kirby gave an update on the construction of the auditorium.

Donna Taylor presented a status report on the General Fund budget and preliminary budget figures. (General Fund budget report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Upon Esther Rogers's recommendation, a motion to approve the writing of Federal Projects and to invite public input into the projects was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kenneth Kitts. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Rogers also presented the following:

- Accreditation Update - All Clear (District, Schools and Trustees)
- Highly Qualified Update – 98.90%
- The 2010 Annual Schools and District Report Cards (Summaries attached)
- Latta High School received the Palmetto Gold Award for making substantial progress in closing achievement gaps in 2010-11.
- Latta Elementary School received the Palmetto Silver Award for general performance in the program.

Robert McIntyre presented the 135-Day Report. (Chart attached becoming part of the minutes.)

A motion to accept the revisions to policy IJNDB-R (Use of Technology Resources in Instruction) as first reading and to waive seconded reading was made by Kenneth Kits and seconded by Kyle Berry. Vote was unanimous. (Policy attached becoming part of the minutes.)

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Principal George Liebenrood highlighted accomplishments at Latta Middle School and Latta High School for the 2010-11 school year.

International Baccalaureate Instructor Adam Kirk presented an overview and goals of the Theory of Knowledge. Darby Sloan, Morgan McDaniel and Ariel Pearson expressed their appreciation for having the opportunity to be part of the class and how it will help them in their future goals.

Larry Legette gave an update on the school facilities.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Legette, a motion was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kenneth Kitts to waive the fees for the use of the high school gym by the Women of Wisdom, SC on May 7, 2011 for an Alumni Basketball Tournament to benefit the Teen Intervention Program. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Kirby presented the 2011-2012 tentative school calendar for Board approval. A motion was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kenneth Kitts to approve the calendar as presented. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Kyle Berry to accept the resignation of Maria Blair at the end of the current school year. Vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kenneth Kitts. Vote was unanimous.

Betty Jo Johnson, Chair

W. Kyle Berry, Secretary

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